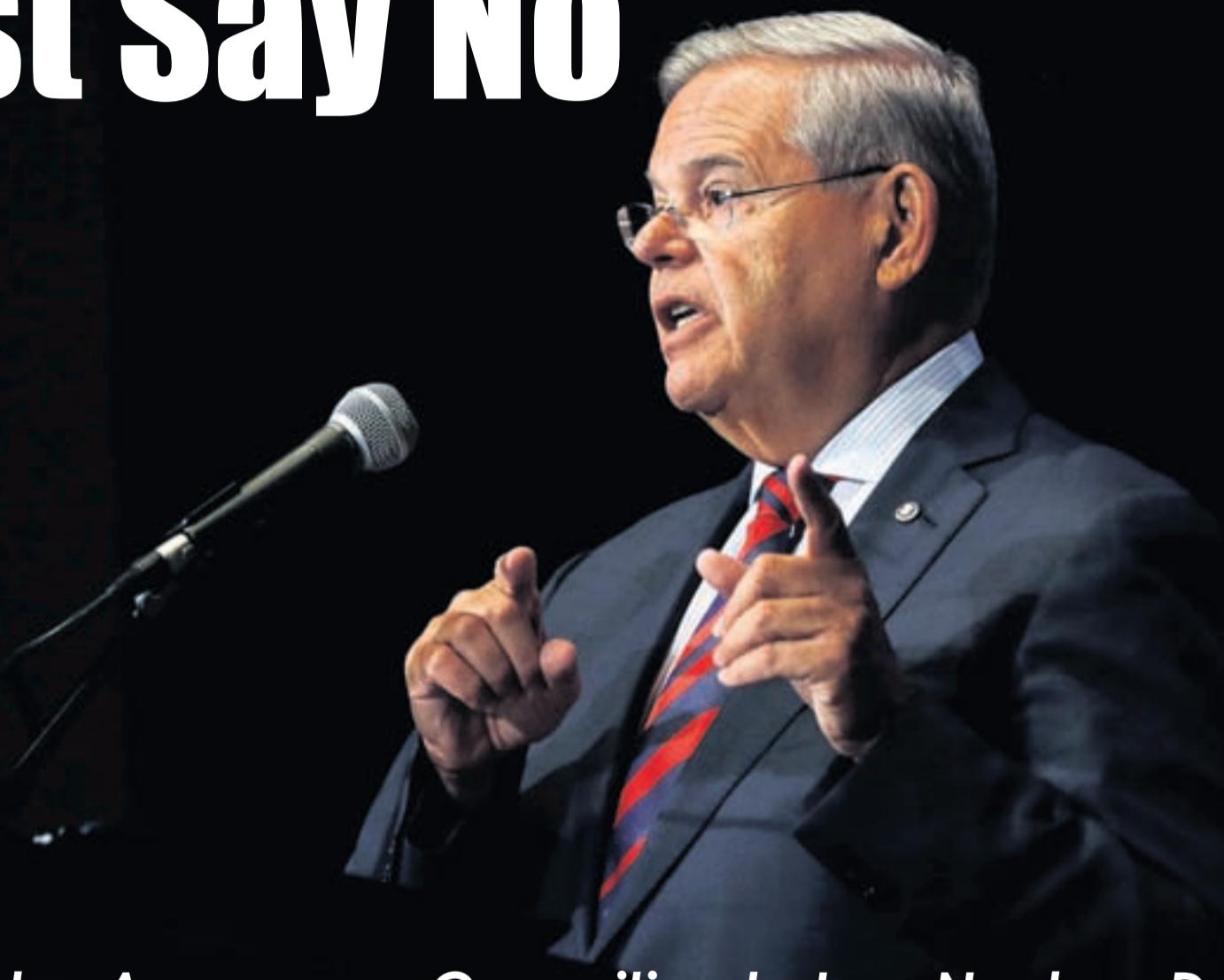


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Menendez Announces Opposition to Iran Nuclear Deal

Sen. Bob Menendez addresses a gathering at Seton Hall University Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015, in South Orange, N.J. New Jersey's senior U.S. senator said that he will vote to disapprove the Iran nuclear agreement and if called upon, would vote to override a veto.

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Menendez

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SOUTH ORANGE, New Jersey (AP) — New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez announced on Tuesday his opposition to the Iran nuclear deal, the second Democratic senator to go against President Barack Obama, who is heavily lobbying for a congressional endorsement of the agreement.

Under the agreement, which the U.S. and other world powers negotiated with Tehran, Iran would curb its nuclear program in exchange for getting billions of dollars in relief from economic sanctions, which have been choking its economy.

Menendez, a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, joins Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York in rejecting the deal.

Menendez said he is opposed to the measure because Iran has violated various U.N. Security Council resolutions while advancing its nuclear program.

He said he is concerned that the agreement doesn't require Iran to dismantle its nuclear infrastructure.

"Let's remind ourselves of the stated purpose of our negotiations with Iran: Simply put, it was to dismantle all — or significant parts — of Iran's illicit nuclear infrastructure to ensure that it would not have nuclear weapons capability at any time. Not shrink its infrastructure," Menendez said. □

Obama's Iran deal may well survive in US Congress

ERICA WERNER

DAVID PORTER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fiercely contested Iran nuclear deal will likely survive in the U.S. Congress despite unified Republican opposition and some Democratic defections, the top Senate Republican says. That would mean a major foreign policy win for President Barack Obama.

Obama has "a great likelihood of success," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said this week — giving public voice to what other Republicans have acknowledged in private. "I hope we can defeat it, but the procedure is obviously stacked in the president's favor."

Indeed, even as Congress' August recess has hardened Republicans' opposition to the deal on Capitol Hill and on the presidential campaign trail, reality is setting in: They probably can't stop it. Significant Democratic defections from

Obama would be required in both chambers of Congress, and even with opponents mounting a strenuous lobbying campaign in key congressional districts, such a prospect looks remote. That means that even with Obama firmly nearing the end of his term and his Republican opponents in control of Congress and aiming for the White House, the president is on the verge of a legacy-defining victory on a pact that he

and his supporters say will keep the world safe from Iran's nuclear ambitions. Opponents continue to warn furiously that the re-

to stop Iran from becoming a nuclear weapons state at a time of its choosing," Menendez said in a blistering speech at the Seton

most of its nuclear program for at least a decade in exchange for billions of dollars in relief from international sanctions. But the Israeli



President Barack Obama speaks in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington. Obama suffered another temporary setback in his all-out campaign to secure Democratic support for the Iran nuclear deal as Senator Robert Menendez, D-N.J., announced his opposition to the international accord Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

sult could be just the opposite: to strengthen Tehran's hand, in an existential threat to Israel and the world.

On Tuesday a second Democratic senator, Robert Menendez of New Jersey, did announce his opposition to the deal, joining Chuck Schumer of New York.

"The agreement that has been reached failed to achieve the one thing it set out to achieve — it failed

Hall School of Diplomacy and International Relations in East Orange, New Jersey. Menendez, a former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, argued the deal should be sent back and negotiations should continue. But his opposition was expected, and, underscoring slim prospects for his side, he stopped short of predicting opponents would prevail.

The agreement would require Iran to dismantle

government and critics in the U.S. argue that it would not stop Iran from building a bomb.

Republican-authored legislation does give Congress the right to review the deal, and there will be a vote by Sept. 17.

That's likely to go in favor of disapproval, but Obama would then veto the legislation and opponents would need to muster two-thirds majorities in both chambers to override him. □

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Clinton to black activists: Look beyond 'changing hearts'



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at a town hall meeting Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015, in North Las Vegas, Nev.

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Probe of Clinton's server could find more than just her emails

JACK GILLUM

STEPHEN BRAUN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A forensic examination of Hillary Rodham Clinton's private computer server could unearth more details than what she put in her emails. It could answer lingering questions about the security of her system, who had access to it and whether outsiders tried to crack its contents.

Clinton last week handed over to the FBI her private server, which she used to send, receive and store emails during her four years as secretary of state. The bureau is holding the machine in protective custody after the intelligence community's inspector general raised concerns recently that classified information had traversed the system. Clinton leads the race for Democratic presidential nomination by wide margin even though questions about her use of the server have since shadowed her campaign. Republicans have seized on the issue to raise questions about Clinton's trustworthiness.

Clinton again this weekend repeated a carefully constructed defense of

her actions, in that she did not send or receive emails marked classified at the time. But her emails show some messages she wrote were censored by the State Department for national security reasons before they were publicly released. The government blacked-out those messages under a provision of the Freedom of Information Act intended to protect material that had been deemed and properly classified for purposes of national defense or foreign policy.

What hasn't been released: data that could show how secure her system was, whether someone tried to break in, and who else had accounts on her system. A lawyer for Platte River Networks, a Colorado-based technology services company that began managing the Clinton server in 2013, said the server was provided to the FBI last week.

Indeed, many physical details of the server remain unknown, such as whether its data was backed up. In March, The Associated Press discovered her server traced back to an Internet connection at her home in Chappaqua, New York. □

KATHLEEN RONAYNE

Associated Press

CONCORD, New Hampshire (AP) — 2016 Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton told activists from the "Black Lives Matter" movement they should promote specific policy changes rather than only focusing on "changing hearts."

Videos from the meeting were posted online by several news outlets Tuesday. The videos show the activists questioning Clinton about her role — as first lady, senator and secretary of state — in the war on drugs and policies which they say led to mass incarceration. Clinton, the frontrunner in the campaign to win the Democratic Party presidential nomination,

spoke privately with members of the group's Boston and Worcester, Massachusetts, chapters last week. The exchange lasted about 15 minutes following an event focused on drug addiction. The activists initially planned to disrupt the event but did not arrive in time to make it into the main room.

"Look, I don't believe you change hearts. I believe you change laws, you change allocation of resources, you change the way systems operate," Clinton told the group after a town hall meeting in New Hampshire.

After Clinton encouraged the group to champion policies, activist Julius Jones accused her of "victim blaming." □

Officials: US military likely to open combat jobs to women



A female Army Ranger stands with her unit during Ranger School at Camp Rudder on Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. According to the Northwest Florida Daily News, she and one other female were the first to complete Ranger training and earn their Ranger tab this week.

(Nick Tomecek/AP)

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two women have now passed the U.S. Army's grueling Ranger test, and even tougher and more dangerous jobs could lie ahead. The military services are poised to allow women to serve in most front-line combat jobs, including special operations forces, senior officials told The Associated Press.

Based on early talks, officials say the Army, Navy and Air Force likely will not seek exceptions that close any jobs to women. Marine Corps leaders, they say, have expressed concerns about allowing women to serve in infantry jobs and yet may seek an exception.

The services are wrapping up reviews and must make their recommendations to Defense Secretary Ash Carter this fall. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the internal debate.

Even if Marine leaders object, they are likely to meet resistance from senior Navy and Defense Department officials who want the military to be united on this issue.

Undercutting the Marines' reservations is that Special Operations Command is likely to allow women to compete for the most demanding military commando jobs — including the Navy SEALs and the Army's Delta Force — though with the knowledge that it may be years before women

even try to enter those fields.

Women have been steadily moving into previously all-male jobs across the military, including as members of the Army's 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, best known as the helicopter crews that flew Navy SEALs into Osama bin Laden's compound. Women are also now serving on Navy submarines and in Army artillery units.

Friday will mark another milestone as the two women graduate at Fort Benning, Georgia, from the Ranger school, a physically and mentally demanding two-month combat leadership course. Completing the course lets the two women wear the coveted Ranger black-and-gold tab, but it does not let them become members of the Ranger regiment. Neither woman has been publicly identified by the military.

Longer term, the uncertainty of the Marine decision underscores the wrenching debates going on within the military over the changing role of women, and it reflects the individual identities of the services and how they view their warrior ethos.

Only a handful of jobs in the Navy and Air Force are currently closed to women. Last year the Navy considered seeking an exception that would have prohibited women from serving on older guided missile frigates, mine-countermeasure ships and patrol coast craft. Some argued that those ships, which are due

to be phased out in coming years, would need millions of dollars in construction to add facilities for women and it wasn't worth the expense.

But Navy Secretary Ray Mabus withdrew that plan in a memo late last month that was obtained by the AP. Officials said Navy leaders concluded that since women can serve in all the same jobs on other ships no real exclusion existed.

The Army and Marine Corps, however, have thousands of infantry, artillery and armor jobs that are currently closed to women. There has been a lot of study and debate over whether to open those positions, because they often involve fighting in small units on the front lines, doing physically pun-

ishing tasks. The Marine Corps set up a task force this year to set gender-neutral job standards and determine whether incorporating women into small squads affected unit cohesion or combat readiness. Companies made up of all men and mixes of men and women spent up to three months in California performing a broad range of unit tasks and going through detailed scientific evaluations to see how they did. Senior leaders are reviewing those results.

Army leaders did similar scientific analysis, reviewing all tasks needed to do the combat jobs and have been creating gender-neutral standards that troops will have to meet in order to qualify. □

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TV report: Subway pitchman to admit to child-porn charges

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Longtime Subway pitchman Jared Fogle is expected to plead guilty to child-pornography charges, an Indiana television station reported Tuesday.

The report on Fox59 comes six weeks after authorities seized electronics and other items from Fogle's home in Zionsville, an affluent Indianapolis suburb.

Citing sources it did not identify, the station said Fogle would enter a plea Wednesday. It also said the U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis planned to hold a news conference Wednesday.

The 37-year-old Fogle became a Subway pitchman more than 15 years ago after shedding more than 200 pounds as a college student, in part by eating the chain's sandwiches.

Subway suspended its relationship with Fogle after



Subway restaurant spokesman Jared Fogle walks to a waiting car as he leaves his home in Zionsville, Ind. Fox 59 television station reported Tuesday, Aug. 18 that the Subway pitchman is expected to plead guilty to child-pornography charges, citing sources it did not identify.

the raid. The company declined to comment Tuesday, saying only that the chain had "already ended our relationship with Jared."

Ron Elberger, an India-

napolis attorney who represents Fogle, said Tuesday via email that he had no comment on the reports. Tim Harty, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis, said he could

not comment on the report.

Two months before Fogle's home was raided, authorities arrested the then-executive director of Fogle's foundation on child-porn charges. Russell Taylor, 43, ran the Jared Foundation, which sought to raise awareness about childhood obesity. He was charged with seven counts of production of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.

Investigators said they discovered a cache of sexually explicit photos and videos Taylor allegedly produced by secretly filming minor children at his home. After those charges were filed, Fogle issued a statement saying he was shocked by the allegations and was severing all ties with Taylor.

Though Fogle has not been

front-and-center in Subway's advertising recently, he had still been acting as a Subway spokesman and appearing at events on the company's behalf.

Fogle's history with Subway reaches back to when he was a student at Indiana University. The college paper published a story on his weight loss that was then picked up by national media.

Soon after, Subway's advertising agency reached out to Fogle and asked if he wanted to be in a TV commercial. The ensuing ad campaign resonated in part because Fogle seemed like such a regular guy, which made weight loss seem simple and achievable.

Of course, Fogle wasn't the only reason for Subway's growth over the years. Its \$5 footlong deals were popular with people looking to save money, and many customers liked that they could have their sandwiches made to order. Still, Fogle was instrumental in Subway's success over the years.

In 2013, Subway celebrated the 15-year anniversary of Fogle's famous diet by featuring him in a Super Bowl ad and making him available to news organizations for interviews. At the time, Fogle said he still traveled regularly throughout the year on behalf of Subway. He also said he had a Subway "black card" that let him eat at the chain for free.

The company, based in Milford, Connecticut, has declined to provide details on its financial arrangements with Fogle. □

Records:

Men linked to militia accused in smuggling rip-off

JACQUES BILLEAUD
 Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Three men affiliated with an Arizona militia group were charged in federal court with trying to replicate a tactic long used by smugglers: Stealing drugs from people who have already transported them across the Mexico border.

However, it turned out that the men took drugs from an SUV that federal agents had stocked with cocaine as part of a sting operation, court records state. Authorities said it was one of three attempted thefts prompted when an under-

cover FBI officer offered tips to the trio's leader about drugs coming into the country and drug money headed to Mexico. The stings were arranged after the leader, Parris Frazier, portrayed himself to an undercover federal agent as a mercenary who had stolen drugs and money from smugglers and expressed a willingness to kill people during such rip-offs, according to the records.

Frazier, Erik Foster and Robert Deatherage have each pleaded not guilty to a charge of conspiring to possess with intent to

distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine. The case was filed on July 23. Smugglers have long resorted to holding up rival traffickers who have already moved their drugs across the border. The dangerous tactic offers a chance at a big payoff without shouldering the risk of bringing drugs into the country.

Normally, the ploy is used exclusively by smugglers against smugglers.

"The vast majority of the rip-offs that occur in the desert are cartels ripping off cartels or people who are on the receiving end

of the drugs and know the delivery is coming," said Neville Cramer, a retired U.S. border agent who now works as a border security consultant.

Authorities provided little information about the defendants' connections to militias.

Court records state they were affiliated with the Arizona Special Operations Group, and the investigation began in January when Frazier talked to agents from U.S. Customs and Border Protection during a traffic stop. It was unclear why he was stopped. □

US Financial Front:

Single-family houses fuel gains in US homebuilding in July



Construction workers continue their work in Scottsdale, Ariz. The Commerce Department released housing starts for July on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015.

(AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin)

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. builders started work on single-family houses last month at the fastest pace since the Great Recession began in late 2007.

Housing starts in July rose 0.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.21 million homes, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. Construction of single-family houses accounted for all of the gains, shooting up 12.8 percent last month to the highest rate since December 2007.

The increase pointed to a housing market that has strengthened for much of the year, reflecting an increased sense of financial security for many Americans amid steady job growth, modest layoffs and relatively low mortgage rates. Continued gains in housing would help extend the current economic expansion.

"More housing starts means more construction jobs as well as confidence from real estate developers that people will be buying," said Tara Sinclair, a George Washington University professor and chief economist for job site Indeed. "We'll know the

economy is really hitting stride when we see these starts in the range of 1.5 million." Total housing starts have risen 11.3 percent year-to-date. The market is attracting more buyers and renters, as starts for apartment buildings have climbed 12.2 percent so far this year despite last month's drop. The improved housing market has already benefited sales at supply stores such as Home Depot. The world's largest home improvement retailer reported Tuesday that sales at U.S. stores open at least one year had climbed 5.7 percent during the second quarter, pushing its stock to an all-time high of \$123 in morning trading.

But Tuesday's report also showed the potential limits of further gains from new construction as the number of building permits fell, a possible sign that demand will need to continue improving to further the pace of homebuilding. "It is in all likelihood going to take another leg up in new single-family home sales to sustain the pace of single family starts that was recorded in July," said Joshua Shapiro, chief U.S. economist at the consultancy MFR.

Approved building permits

decreased 16.3 percent in July to an annual rate of 1.12 million, after achieving an eight-year high in June. The decrease likely reflects some pullback after months of gains and was caused primarily by a sharp plunge in permits to construct apartment complexes after a tax break expired in New York.

Homebuyers and renters have crowded into the housing market this year, pushing up prices to levels that have worsened affordability and placed a potential cap on sales growth.

Builders have relieved some of this financial pressure by ramping up construction, yet the increases in housing starts and building

permits still lags the surging demand.

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index released Monday reached 61 this month, up from 60 in July. Any reading above 50 signals expansion.

Still, only 5.4 months' supply of new homes is available, compared to six months in a healthy market.

In the rental sector, prices are increasing at double the rate of hourly wage growth largely because of fewer vacant apartments available. Home rental prices are up 4.3 percent in the past year, according to the real estate firm Zillow. Average hourly earnings have improved a mere 2.1 percent. □



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Man in yellow shirt is focus of Bangkok bombing probe

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Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — In the grainy security video, a man in a yellow shirt sits on a bench at the crowded Erawan Shrine, removes a backpack he is wearing, and leaves it behind when he walks away.

For police hunting who was responsible for Monday's deadly bombing in central Bangkok, there was no doubt about the man with youthful shaggy dark hair and glasses.

"The yellow shirt guy is not just the suspect. He is the bomber," police spokesman Lt. Gen. Prawut Thavornsiri told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha called the shrine bombing near a busy intersection that killed 20 and wounded more than 100 "the worst incident that has ever happened in Thailand," and he promised to track down those responsible.

"There have been minor bombs or just noise, but this time they aimed for innocent lives," Prayuth said. "They want to destroy our economy, our tourism."

Bangkok was rattled again Tuesday when another

pipe bomb blew up at the Sathorn Pier, which is used by tourists, although no

Video posted separately on Thai media appeared to show the same man

wasn't clear. We have to find them first."

Prayuth said the govern-



Soldiers move onlookers back from the shattered windows of a Louis Vuitton shop at Gaysorn shopping plaza across from the Erawan Shrine at Rajprasong intersection in Bangkok, Thailand, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015, as investigations continue the morning after an explosion. Police combed through shattered glass and other debris Tuesday from a bomb blast in central Bangkok, trying to determine who set off the most devastating single attack in the capital's recent history.

(AP Photo/Sakchai Lalit)

one was hurt.

Prawut released several photos of the man, with and without the backpack, on social media. The images were apparently taken from closed-circuit video at the shrine before the bomb exploded.

sitting on a bench at the shrine, taking off the backpack and leaving it behind as he walked away.

Without elaborating, the prime minister said, "Today we have seen the closed-circuit footage, we saw some suspects, but it

ment will expedite "all investigative efforts to find the perpetrators and bring them to justice."

The bomb, which police say was made from a pipe and weighed 3 kilograms (more than 6 pounds), went off about 7 p.m. in

an upscale area filled with tourists, office workers and shoppers. No one has claimed responsibility.

Prawut said Tuesday's blast at the Sathorn Pier frequented by tourist boats also was caused by a pipe bomb and could be related to the shrine attack.

Police said the bomb was thrown from the Taksin Bridge and fell into the Chao Phraya River, where it exploded. Security video showed a sudden blast of water over a walkway at the pier as bystanders ran for safety.

The Erawan Shrine is dedicated to the Hindu god Brahma, but is extremely popular among Thailand's Buddhists as well as Chinese tourists. Although Thailand is predominantly Buddhist, it has enormous Hindu influence on its religious practices and language.

Thai authorities identified five victims as Thai and four as Chinese — two of them from Hong Kong — along with two Malaysians and one Singaporean, and said the nationalities of the other eight victims remained unknown.

The British Foreign Office said one victim was a British citizen named Vivian Chan who lived in Hong Kong. It was not immediately clear whether she was one of the two Hong Kong victims identified by Thai officials.

Officials at London's BPP University said she had studied there.

"Everyone at BPP University is devastated to hear of the loss of one of our students, Vivian Chan Wing Yan, in Bangkok yesterday. Our thoughts are with Vivian's family and we will work to support them in any way we can," the school said in a statement. □

Syria accuses UN of bias amid diplomatic peace push

ALBERT AJI

Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) —

Syria on Tuesday accused U.N. special envoy Staffan de Mistura of bias and said his recent statements condemning deadly government airstrikes on a market that killed some 100 people show he lacks objectivity.

The spat coincides with the Security Council endorsement of a recently

announced plan by de Mistura aimed at setting the stage for new peace talks to end the country's long-running civil war.

It is not the first time that the Syrian government has accused de Mistura — and other U.N. envoys before him — of prejudice in the Syrian conflict.

In a statement Monday, de Mistura condemned the government air raids in the eastern Damascus

suburb of Douma, one of the deadliest since Syria's crisis began in March 2011. He called it "unacceptable under any circumstances."

The airstrikes hit a vegetable market in the suburb, which is a stronghold of the Islam Army rebel group.

The Syrian government said Tuesday that de Mistura's statement showed he relied only on "propaganda circulated within

circles known for their hostility to Syria."

Commenting on the Syrian government's criticism, a spokeswoman for the U.N. secretary-general Vannina Maestracci told reporters in New York Tuesday: "We stand by the statement he issued yesterday." The Security Council on Monday endorsed a plan by de Mistura aimed at setting the stage for new peace talks. □

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Yemen's rebels ambush pro-government forces, kill scores

People stand next to a vehicle destroyed following airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition in Sanaa, Yemen. Yemeni rebels ambushed pro-government forces in the south on Tuesday, setting off a major battle that killed 65 anti-rebel forces.

(AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Yemeni rebels ambushed pro-government forces in the south on Tuesday, setting off a major battle that killed 65 anti-rebel forces and handed them their first serious setback following a series of recent advances, officials said.

The officials said 15 Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, were killed in the fighting near the Aqaba Tharaa area, where anti-rebel forces were advancing from Abyan into Bayda province.

The officials, who hailed from both sides of the conflict, said the rebels destroyed at least eight armored vehicles and

four tanks, which were left burning. The officials said both sides were rushing reinforcements to the area, with the Houthis attempting to squeeze the pocket closed and their opponents attempting to break out.

Dozens of airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition opposing the rebels hit the mountainous area, but had yet

to open up the rebels' positions.

All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

Yemen's conflict pits the Houthis and troops loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh against southern separatists, local and tribal militias, Sunni Islamic militants and troops loyal to President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who is in exile in Saudi Arabia. The Saudis are leading a U.S.-backed Arab coalition that is carrying out airstrikes against Houthi forces.

The Saudi-backed groups

fighting the Houthis and their allies have made rapid gains in the south in

recent weeks, after taking the southern port city of Aden in July. Using Aden as a resupply point, they have moved forces, including Saudi-trained Yemenis and armored units, northward, seizing nearby Shabwa province from the rebels last weekend.

In the west, the officials and witness said Saudi-led airstrikes hit several warehouses in the coastal city of Hodeida, leaving them in flames after weapons stores went off.

The Houthis have meanwhile taken control of the United Arab Emirates embassy in the capital Sanaa, prompting condemnation from Emirati and Egyptian authorities. □

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Libya, Egypt seek international aid against IS
SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Libya's internationally recognized government, with strong backing from neighboring Egypt, on Tuesday urged fellow Arab countries to provide arms to help it defeat a local Islamic State affiliate and criticized the U.S.-led coalition for confining its efforts to Syria and Iraq.

Egypt criticized what it called international "dou-

ble standards" and "lethargy" in dealing with the spread of the IS group in Libya, where the militants have exploited the chaos following the 2011 revolt that toppled and killed longtime ruler Moammar Gadhafi, seizing his hometown of Sirte and other areas. Egypt has meanwhile been grappling with a wave of attacks by another IS affiliate based in the northern Sinai Peninsula, and last week IS fighters

claimed to have beheaded a Croat abducted on the outskirts of Cairo.

Cairo's representative to the Arab League, Tarek Adel, said his country would keep pressuring the international community to lift an arms embargo and provide assistance to Libya's military. Egypt has targeted Libya's IS branch with airstrikes, including after the group killed 21 captive Egyptian Christians earlier this year. □



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Greece gives German firm rights to run 14 airports

ATHENS, Greece (AP) —

Greece has agreed to sell to a German company the rights to operate 14 regional airports. The deal is the first in a wave of privatizations the government had until recently opposed but needs to make to qualify for bailout loans.

The decision, which was published in the government gazette overnight Monday to Tuesday, would hand over the airports, including several on popular tourist island destinations, to Fraport AG, which runs Frankfurt Airport, among others across the world.

The concession, worth 1.23 billion euros (\$1.37 billion), is the first privatization decision taken by the government of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, who was elected

in January on promises to repeal the conditions of Greece's previous two bailouts.

The government had initially vowed to cancel the country's privatization program, but Tsipras has been forced to renege on his pre-election promises in order to win a deal on a third international bailout for Greece, worth 86 billion euros. Without the rescue loans, the country would default on its debts and risk being forced out of Europe's joint currency.

Citing the rescue loan agreement, Fitch international agency late Tuesday raised Greece's credit rating by one notch, from CC to CCC — but still near the bottom of the rating scale and deep in junk bond ter-



People wait to cross the street as an elderly woman begs for alms in the northern port city of Thessaloniki, Greece, on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015. Greece has agreed to sell to a German company the rights to operate 14 regional airports. The deal is the first in a wave of privatizations the government had until recently opposed but needs to make to qualify for bailout loans.

(AP Photo/Giannis Papanikos)

ritory. Fitch said the bailout agreement has reduced the risk of Greece defaulting to its private sector creditors.

But the agency warned that the risks to the bailout's success remain high. "It will take some time for trust to be restored between Greece and its creditors, which increases

the risk of delayed (bailout) program reviews," it said. "Meanwhile, the political situation in Greece remains unpredictable."

The bailout deal is getting its final approvals in parliaments in several European states. Lawmakers in Spain and Estonia approved it Tuesday, while those of Germany and the Netherlands are expected to do

so Wednesday.

Separately, the government slightly relaxed its restrictions on banking transactions, allowing small amounts to be sent abroad for the first time in about two months.

The finance ministry's amendments, also published in the government gazette, include allowing Greeks to send up to 500 euros (\$555) abroad per person per month, and allowing up to 8,000 euros per quarter to be sent to students studying abroad to cover accommodation costs.

Greeks can now also open new bank accounts that will have no withdrawal rights, in order to repay loans, social security contributions or tax debts.

The government restricted banking transactions in late June to prevent a bank run after Tsipras announced a referendum on creditors' terms for a new bailout. □



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Russia's Putin rides to bottom of Black Sea

NATALIYA VASILYEVA

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Another summer, another trip to the bottom of a sea for Russia's adventure-loving president.

Vladimir Putin climbed into a three-seat submersible craft Tuesday to check out an ancient sunken ship found recently in the Black Sea off the coast of Crimea — the peninsula annexed by Russia last year from Ukraine. He descended 83 meters (272 feet) to see the remains of the Byzantine trading ship, which he said dated back to the 9th or 10th century. On previous trips deep underwater, Putin has explored the Gulf of Finland

and Lake Baikal in submersibles. He also went scuba diving in the Kerch Strait that connects the Black Sea to the Sea of Azov, where he brought up fragments of ancient Greek jugs, or amphorae, that his spokesman later admitted had been planted.

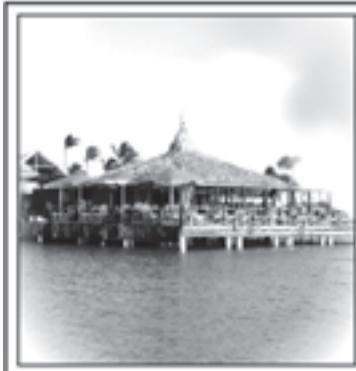
Speaking by radio to Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev while still under water, Putin said he hoped the trading ship would shed light on Russia's development and show "how deep our historical roots are."

He told Medvedev he should have come along. "It's great, there are lots of objects, amphorae scattered around," Putin said.

He ended the chat with a casual "Big hug!"

Off the vessel, Putin was greeted by Medvedev, who did give him a hug, and also by his chief of staff and defense minister. They were among the many Russian officials who accompanied him on this week's trip to Crimea.

Pressed by a reporter whether it was wise to spend money on such ventures when Russia's economy is struggling through a painful recession, Putin said his dive should help attract publicity and donors to the important work being done by the Russian Geographical Society to study "how our state was built, including in this region." □



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Paris food co-op gets American start _ during vacation



U.S co-founder of La Louve Cooperative, Brian Horihan, left, buyers and members of the co-op discuss during a meeting in Paris, France. Residents of France since the early 2000s, the duo Brian Horihan and Tom Boothe officially launched the La Louve Cooperative this summer, modeled like the 6,000-member Park Slope Food Co-op in Brooklyn. Members of La Louve pay a 100-euro (\$110) annual fee and work a 3-hour shift once a month in exchange for access to an affordable and higher quality grocery.

(AP Photo/Kamil Zihnioglu)

MAGGY DONALDSON
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The government has shut down, the corner baker is away for a month, and traffic is running with uncanny finesse. It's August in Paris, and the entire city seems to be taking a siesta — not the best time to ask Parisians to take on extra work. Unless perhaps they're being rewarded with food.

French culture celebrates gourmet cuisine, but it often has been the province of the well-to-do. In an effort to change that, the American founders of a new cooperative grocery association in Paris are trying to democratize access to quality ingredients, but they're asking people to labor a bit for all that flavor. Residents of France since the early 2000s, co-found-

ers Brian Horihan and Tom Boothe launched La Louve Cooperative this summer, and the food "buyer's club" already is nearly 1,500 members strong. The club operates out of Paris's traditionally working class Goutte d'Or neighborhood. Members pay a 100-euro (\$110) annual fee and agree to work a three-hour shift once a month. Other consumer coopera-

tives do exist in France, but La Louve is pioneering the idea of obliging members to contribute labor — if you don't work, you can't shop. In exchange, members get access to higher-end groceries at discounted prices. At the moment, it's mostly a virtual operation. Members order groceries online, then pick them up. But the owners are speaking with architects in hopes of opening a storefront and expanding operations by next spring. They aspire to eventually mirror the 6,000-member Park Slope Food Co-op in Brooklyn, New York, a business that has offered them guidance throughout the process. But unlike that operation, which serves one of Brooklyn's priciest neighborhoods, La Louve is in an area Horihan says is traditionally underserved, particularly with regard to quality food. Those with low-incomes who qualify for social assistance can join for 10 euros (\$11), but still work three-hour shifts. Co-op members essentially become owners and participate in meetings to determine how the business will run, including what products are offered. Horihan says that by asking members to contribute labor and time, they

build a sense of community. "There's a strong feeling of belonging. There's more pride in the co-op," Horihan said. "And just for the practical reasons — it keeps prices down."

Hajar El Karmouni became a founding member of sorts in February 2013, more than a year before La Louve's official launch. She said belonging to the association promotes values important to creating a future that favors conscious consumption, as well as fostering unity in a society that's growing increasingly individualistic.

"We are renewing principals of capital liberalism," she said. "But recreating them in a collective project, for the good of the group." Consumer co-ops used to carry a lot of weight in France, but that was before World War II "did tremendous damage" to that sector, said David Thompson, a historian and business consultant who has written extensively on international co-op movements. Between anti-cooperative fascist ideologies and the post-war rise of supermarkets, he said most small member-owned consumer co-ops in France folded by the mid-20th century. □

Russian police bust \$30 million contraband cheese ring

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian police said Tuesday they have busted an international ring involved in producing contraband cheese worth about 2 billion rubles (\$30 million), arresting six people. The arrests are part of a government campaign to enforce a ban on imports of Western cheese and other agricultural products imposed a year ago in re-

taliation for U.S. and European Union sanctions on Russia. Police said the ring, whose operations began in March, had been supplying "as cheese a product made from cheese rennet whose import into Russia is forbidden." The product was then fixed with counterfeit labels of known foreign cheese producers and sold in supermarket chains and distribution centers in Mos-

cow and St. Petersburg. During the investigation, police raided 17 homes, warehouses and offices in the Moscow region, where they found 470 tons of the rennet product, equipment for making the counterfeit labels and documents confirming the illegal activity, the police statement said. It said six people were arrested, but did not identify them. In recent weeks, in

tacit acknowledgment that the import ban has been widely violated, the national agricultural oversight agency has been publicizing the destruction of tons of contraband food. As of Monday, 321 tons of animal products have been seized, of which 48 tons have been destroyed, the agency, Rosselkhnadzor, said. It said that of the 592 tons of fruit and vegetables

seized, 552 tons have been destroyed. The public display of steamrollers or bulldozers being used to crush wheels of cheese, whole geese or crates of peaches has met with much criticism in Russia, which is suffering through an economic recession. Many people have signed a petition urging the government to donate the food to the poor instead. □

Venezuela's telenovelas struggle back from the brink



In this photo, actresses Kiara, second left, Gledys Ibarra, third left, Amanda Gutiérrez, second right, and Julie Restifo prepare for a scene of the Spanish-language soap opera "Piel Salvaje," or "Wild Skin," at the Radio Caracas Television studio in Caracas, Venezuela. The cameras are rolling again, but "Piel Salvaje's" 120 episodes won't likely be seen on Venezuelan TV. The small production house rescued from the channel known by its Spanish acronym as RCTV is marketing the show to networks in other Latin American countries such as Ecuador, where it debuted last month.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

JOSHUA GOODMAN

JORGE RUEDA

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

A worker on the set strikes the clapperboard to the shout of "Action!" and three women launch into a heated argument about an abandoned child who was rescued from the streets but cannot be tamed of her violent impulses.

The scene from the Spanish-language soap opera "Piel Salvaje," or "Wild Skin," would be unremarkable if not for the uphill battle the Venezuelan producers waged to get here in a country that nearly lost its telenovela industry after churning out some of Latin America's most-memorable melodramas for more than a half century.

The socialist government took Radio Caracas Television, then one of the coun-

try's oldest broadcasters and creators of telenovelas, off the air in 2007 after accusing it of supporting a brief coup five years earlier against then President Hugo Chavez.

Hundreds of actors and screenwriters lost their jobs and its studios went dark. The exodus of talent, a gradual crackdown on the media and a financial crisis that caused advertisers to flee nearly drove the industry to extinction.

The cameras are rolling again eight years later, but the 120 episodes of "Piel Salvaje" won't likely be seen on Venezuelan TV. The small production house rescued from the channel known by its Spanish acronym as RCTV is marketing the show to networks in other Latin American countries such as Ecuador, where it debuted last month.

"Piel Salvaje" is RCTV's first independent production since Chavez refused to renew its license and gave its seized transmission equipment to a state-funded network. The company retained its studio and production equipment, allowing it to continue filming. Cast members of "Piel Salvaje" compare their work to a political struggle in a country that remains deeply divided after 16 years of socialist rule under Chavez and his successor, Nicolas Maduro.

"To keep living in this country demands resistance and the only way we have to legally fight back is by working in what we know and love," said Jose Simon Escalona, vice president of production for RCTV Productions.

The industry's attempted comeback is befitting of

one of the twisting plot lines from the Venezuelan telenovelas known as "cul-ebrones," or "long snakes." Beginning in the 1970s, soaps were one of the oil-producing nation's biggest non-traditional exports, dubbed into everything from Russian and Hebrew to regional languages spoken in the Philippines.

One program, "Kassandra," was so key to calming tensions during the war in Bosnia that the U.S. State Department said it intervened to get it back on the air when the signal was lost during a power struggle among rival factions.

The industry's decline began in the 1990s amid stiff competition from Mexico and Colombia, and accelerated following Chavez's 1998 election and the 2004 passage of a law that levied stiff fines and penalties on broadcasters for not adhering to vaguely defined standards of socially responsible programming. RCTV went off the air three years later.

From a peak of 12 telenovelas a year, Venezuela now struggles to make one or two. Dozens of actors left to start over in other countries, where they sometimes find their quick-fire Caribbean Spanish an obstacle to being cast.

Others have taken their craft to the stage, where the pay and late hours are less glamorous, but they enjoy freedom from self-censorship and the opportunity to touch on political issues.

"The Venezuelan telenovela industry's story is really the inverse of the traditional plot."

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USVI politicians held on charges of embezzling

D. McFADDEN

Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— A former governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands and an ex-finance director in the U.S. Caribbean territory were arrested on charges of embezzling public money, authorities said Tuesday.

Acting Attorney General Claude Walker announced the arrests of former Gov. John deJongh and Julito Francis, once a director of the public finance authority for the three-island territory.

Walker alleged they used \$490,000 of taxpayer money to pay for improvements to deJongh's private residence "without authority of law."

The alleged embezzlement was between April 2007 and January 2009, when deJongh was governor.

"These funds were earmarked by the legislature to repair public roads," Walker said.

Neither deJongh nor Francis made any immediate comment on their arrest.

It's been known for years that deJongh used money earmarked for highway upgrades to pay for a perimeter fence and other security improvements at his private residence when he was governor.

When he took office in 2007, he chose to live in his own house rather than the mansion that has served as the official governor's residence.

He asserted that renovating the mansion to accommodate his family and pay for other expenses would have cost \$2.1 million of public money so staying at his upgraded home resulted in savings for islanders.

But in 2010, the U.S. Interior Department's Office of the Inspector General found that use of the public purse

to upgrade deJongh's private residence circumvented the authority of the legislature. Earlier this year, deJongh announced he paid back just over \$200,000 to the territory for the upgrades. □

Venezuela:

2 arrested in connection with murder of US lawyer

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuelan authorities have arrested two men on charges related to the murder of an American expatriate lawyer at his Caracas home.

State prosecutor Luisa

Ortega Diaz said Tuesday that two men in their 20s had been arrested in connection with the death of 70-year-old John Ralston Pate. Pate was found stabbed to death in his apartment in an upscale

part of the city on Aug. 9. His companion Sally Elizabeth Evans was found wounded. Pate's son said the attack looked like a robbery gone wrong.

Following the murder, the US Embassy in Caracas is

sued a statement reminding Americans that the city continues to be a dangerous place.

Pate moved to Venezuela in the 1970s and helped build a once-strong expat community. □

LOCAL Aruba TODAY

Preparations in Full Swing for 'Eat Local Aruba Restaurant Week'



ORANJESTAD - Starting September 28 and lasting through October 9 2015, the One happy island of

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Preparations are in full swing for this culinary event, highlighting authentic Aruban cuisine for two full weeks. The restaurants' prix-fixe meals allow visitors to enjoy local cuisine for a very reasonable price, with lunches costing \$15 and dinners \$30-- \$40.

No passes, tickets or vouchers are required—attending diners can simply visit their favorite participating restaurants throughout the program dates to enjoy the special menu offerings. More than 55 restaurants have already signed up for this new culinary event and are incorporating authentic local dishes in their menu.

Director of Food & Beverage at Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort Dominique Bauduin says the great thing about restaurant week is that "for us, it opens the door for a different audience. People can enjoy the high gastronomic standards of dining at Windows on Aruba without having to dig deep in their pockets." Restaurants that already feature local menus are adding on specials and accenting on the local flavors.

Carolina Merryweather-Raven, manager of Driftwood Restaurant says that their seafood restaurant "already features a lot of local dishes, but during the 'Eat Local Aruba Restaurant Week' we will certainly highlight the more authentic Aruban dishes accompanied by locally brewed



beverages". This new initiative was developed by the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) to showcase Aruba's diverse culinary scene and highlight the island's flavors by incorporating locally inspired dishes in the menus of participating restaurants.

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at first as a contractor at the resort, and later as a full time employee.

Alicia, who was born in Colombia and still love visiting the country of her birth often, appreciates her work environment at Caribbean Palm Village Resort and she continues to paint and sew, also in her time off, at the home she shares with her husband.

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cia's performance over lunch with Assistant Chief of Maintenance Franklin Olive in attendance, presenting the honoree with a plaque and a customary envelope.

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Pictured here, Alicia with members of management.



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the hi-rise strip. The Jones' favorite dishes on the menu are the filet mignon and the juicy skirt steak. And they never leave without devouring a Tango crepe.

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Mr. Ricardo Croes representing Aruba Tourism Authority conducted the ceremony at the Marriott

Aruba Resort & Casino. Diane commented that she will never change her vacation island for any other island! The top reasons for returning provided by the honorees are they consider Aruba to be the 'Happy Island,' the great weather, the friendly Aruban hospitality, the white sand beaches and the local food. On the pictures Mr. Ricardo Croes from ATA is seen together with Thomas and Diane, and also Christine from the Marriott Aruba Resort & Casino. □

SPORTS**Aruba TODAY**

**AP Sources:
Brady, Goodell
meet but
'Deflategate'
unresolved**

By Larry Neumeister
Gethin Coolbaugh
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)

-- New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell met Tuesday to discuss settling the "Deflategate" legal case but were unsuccessful, two people familiar with the case told The Associated Press.

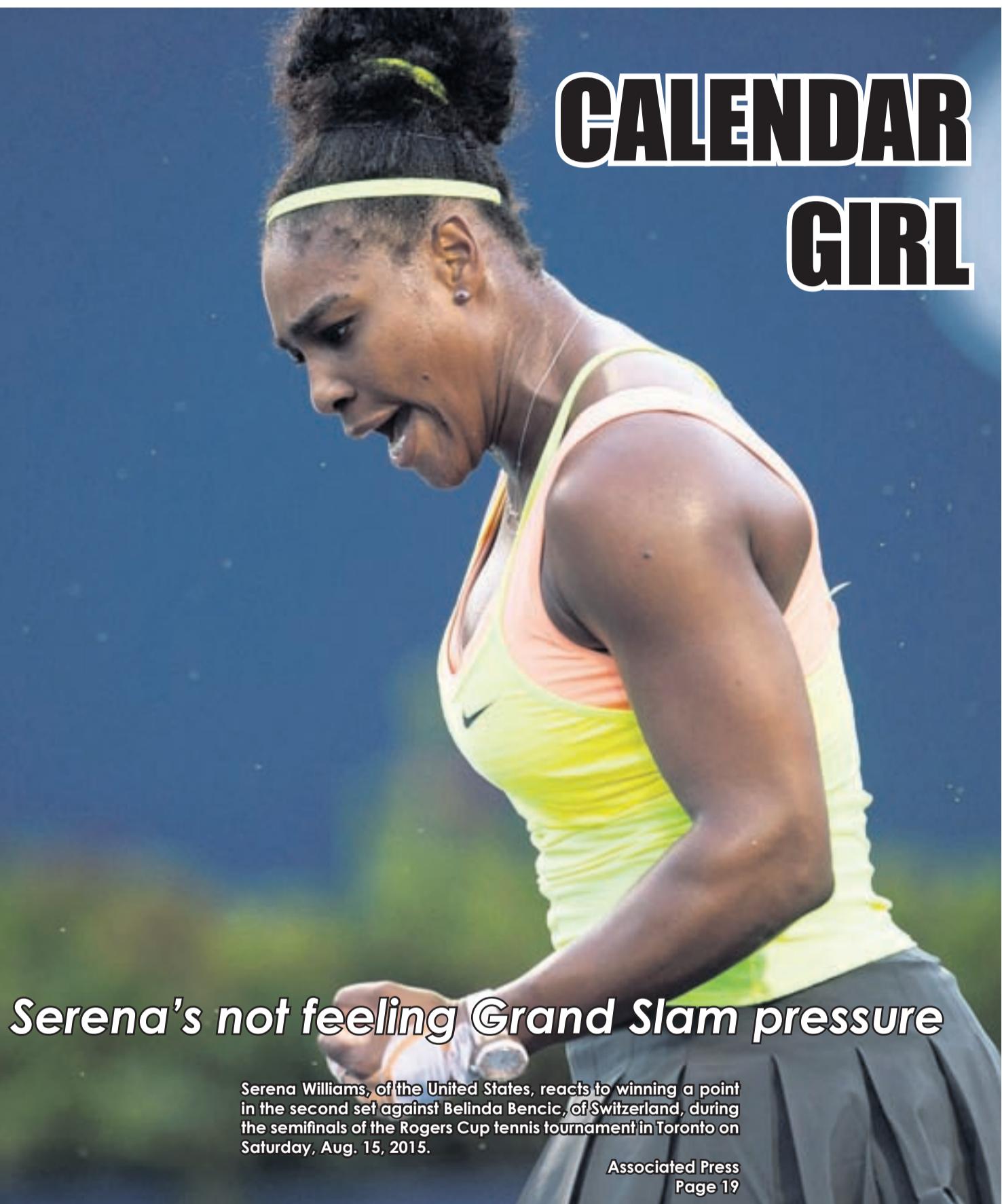
The failure to strike a deal after about four hours of talks means a Wednesday hearing will proceed as scheduled.

The people, who spoke on condition of anonymity Tuesday because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the case, said the talks occurred away from the Manhattan federal court handling the case. The location was not disclosed.

Lawyers are scheduled to argue Wednesday whether it was fair for the NFL to suspend Brady for four games this season after Goodell concluded he conspired to deflate footballs before a playoff game. No ruling from U.S. District Judge Richard Berman is expected.

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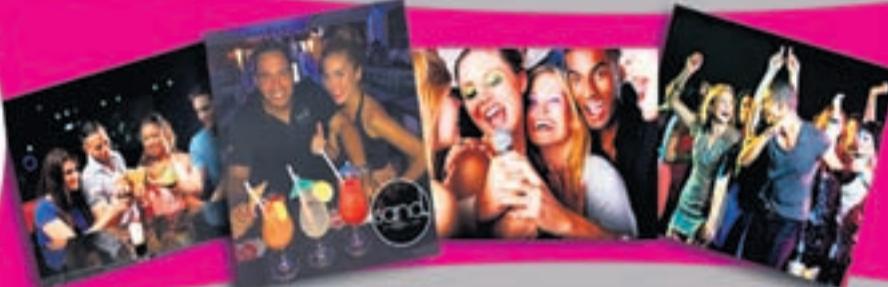
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In this Aug. 12, 2015, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady arrives at federal court in New York.

Associated Press

Deflategate

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Brady plans to be at Patriots practice in West Virginia instead, where New England is preparing with New Orleans Saints players for a preseason game Saturday night.

Brady missed practice on Tuesday.

Berman has been trying to move the sides toward a settlement of the dispute over deflated footballs that has morphed into never-ending offseason scandal. If there is no settlement, Berman will decide whether Brady's suspension remains in place at the start of the season.

Brady participated fully in practice on Monday. Second-year quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo and recently signed veteran backup Ryan Lindley handled the snaps on Tuesday.

"Brady is a key part of this team, a leader," said Pa-

triots cornerback Malcolm Butler. "There's nothing like having Brady out there. But if he's there or not, we're still going to work hard either way."

Lindley was signed Aug. 10 after the team released veteran Matt Flynn. "He comes to work," Lindley said of Brady. "I think the biggest thing, though, that has impressed me is his leadership. I think you see it out here on the practice field, and obviously it transfers onto the game field on Sundays."

Butler took advantage of the no-Brady day, nearly picking off a pass during 11-on-11 walk-through drills and drawing an on-field comment from coach Bill Belichick.

"He just told me we needed that in a big-time situation," said Butler, who knows all about that after his clinching interception in the Super Bowl. □

Agent: Tiger to play this week's Wyndham for first time



Tiger Woods tests the wind on the 14th hole during the first round of the PGA Championship golf tournament Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015, at Whistling Straits in Haven, Wis.

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) -- Tiger Woods will play the Wyndham Championship for the first time.

In an email to The Associated Press on Monday, agent Mark Steinberg confirmed that Woods will play in Greensboro this week. That ends a few days of uncertainty around Sedgefield County Club, the site of the final tournament of golf's regular season.

Woods created a stir by entering the field just ahead of the deadline last Friday. But after closing out a 73 and missing the cut at the PGA Championship in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, he hedged a bit. He said he would "go through it with my team" to "see if that's the right move or not."

On Monday morning, Wyndham tournament di-

rector Mark Brazil sent out a brief tweet: "Bam! Tiger is coming!"

The first round begins Thursday.

The Wyndham annually is the last chance for the PGA Tour's bubble players to play their way into the FedEx Cup playoffs. They begin next week at The Barclays in New Jersey.

Woods - who's at No. 187 on the points list - comes to Greensboro rather far from the bubble. Only the top 125 players reach the playoffs.

He would get into The Barclays with a victory and could possibly advance by finishing alone in second.

Last year, only one player outside the top 125 - Sang-Moon Bae - earned enough points here to move into the playoffs, jumping from

No. 126 to No. 120 after his tie for 14th. Nobody did it in 2013.

Now the question is how long Woods will stick around at Sedgefield.

In 10 events this year, Woods missed the cut in four of them and withdrew from another. He missed the cut in the last three majors.

He had three rounds in the 80s. His best finish was a tie for 17th at the Masters, a remarkable effort coming off a two-month break to fix a short game that turned shockingly bad in Phoenix and San Diego. His best week was The Greenbrier Classic. While he tied for 32nd, he finished six shots out of the lead. In the other four events where he made the cut, he was no closer than 10 shots. □



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A serene Serena Williams not feeling Grand Slam pressure

MARK SCHMETZER

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MASON, Ohio (AP) — (AP)

— One major title stands between Serena Williams and a Grand Slam, and she's enjoying this "awesome" and "crazy" ride.

"There's still a lot I want to win, but I just want to keep growing," she said Tuesday. "I just enjoy going out there every time I'm out there. I have a different outlook. I'm intense when I'm out there, but I also realize that life is super short and tomorrow isn't promised."

Williams is seeded first and the defending champion at the Western & Southern Open, a warmup for the U.S. Open. She is coming off a loss to Swiss teenager Belinda Bencic in the semifinals of the Rogers Cup in Toronto.

The top-ranked player in women's tennis already has the "Serena Slam" — reigning champion of every Grand Slam tournament. The run started at last year's U.S. Open. The last calendar Grand Slam was by Steffi Graf in 1988.

"I think the 'Serena Slam' is really unbelievable," she

said. "I didn't think I would ever do it again. I mean, I thought I would, but when it didn't happen after a while. . It's captivating. It's awesome. It's crazy."

At 33 years old and with so many championships to her name, Williams can almost take it or leave it.

"That makes it fun," she said. "I don't have to win. I want to win, but I really just look forward to playing."

She says the process has become almost as important as the outcome. That's one reason she hopes to play well in Cincinnati.

"I would like to do well here, especially after a disappointing week last week," she said. "Even if I don't win, I would like to play technically better."

As the same time, she realizes time is running out on her career though her results suggest otherwise — she is 47-2 this year and has won four championships. She agrees with the suggestion that her career is like a marathon and she's in her sprint the finish.

"I think that's a good analogy," she said. "I'm not a spring chicken. I don't think

I have that much longer to play, but hopefully, it will be a while." Her new outlook has her ready for the pressure of the calendar Grand Slam in New York.

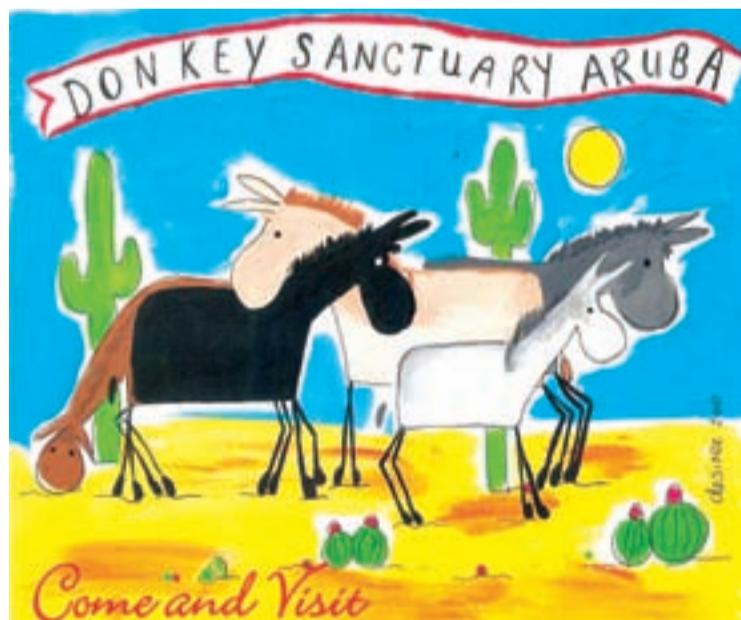
"I think it's great," she said. "It's cool, even though there's a lot of pressure. I would like to win the Open more than anybody else." □



Serena Williams, of the United States, reacts to winning a point in the second set against Belinda Bencic, of Switzerland, during the Rogers Cup semifinal tennis tournament, Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015 in Toronto.

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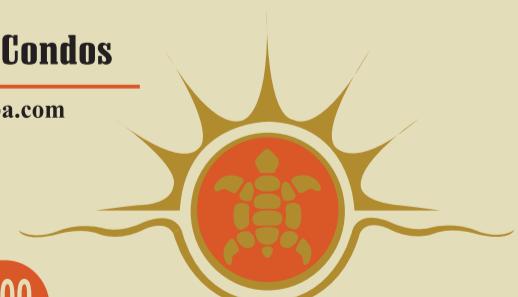


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Cardinals edge Giants to re-establish big division lead

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ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rookie Stephen Piscotty tripled and scored the go-ahead run on Mark Reynolds' groundout in the eighth inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the San Francisco Giants 2-1 on Monday night. The run came a little too late for Michael Wacha, who allowed one run in seven innings with six strikeouts but missed a chance to become the majors' first 15-game winner.

Yadier Molina hit his third homer leading off the fourth for St. Louis. The Giants tied it on Brandon Crawford's two-out RBI triple in the sixth.

The Cardinals have won nine of 12, ended the Giants' four-game winning streak, and lead Pittsburgh by six games in the NL Central.

Kevin Siegrist (4-0) worked a perfect eighth against the top of the Giants order and Trevor Rosenthal earned his 37th save in 39 chances when pinch-hitter Buster Posey flied out to the wall in center.

DIAMONDBACKS 4, PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jeremy Hellickson won on the road for the first time in 2 1/2 months and Jake Lamb homered to lead the Diamondbacks to a victory over the Pirates.

Hellickson (9-8) allowed one run and three hits in 5 1-3 innings while striking out



St. Louis Cardinals' Stephen Piscotty hits a triple in the eighth inning during a game between the St. Louis Cardinals and the San Francisco Giants on Monday, Aug. 17, 2015, at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Piscotty later scored the game-winning run.

Associated Press

four and walking one. He had gone 0-4 with an 8.67 ERA in his previous six road starts since winning May 30 at Milwaukee.

Lamb connected for his fifth home run in the fourth inning, a solo shot off Gerrit Cole (14-7) that put the

Diamondbacks ahead 4-0 and helped snapped the National League wild card-leading Pirates' four-game winning streak.

David Peralta had two hits for the Diamondbacks, including an RBI double in a two-run first inning. He is hit-

ting .469 (30 for 64) with 21 RBIs in his last 19 games.

MARLINS 6, BREWERS 2

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Rookie left-hander Justin Nicolino pitched 6 2-3 solid innings and Derek Dietrich homered as the Marlins beat the Brewers.

Nicolino (2-1) scattered six hits and allowed just two runs in his fourth major league start. He retired the first two batters of the seventh inning before allowing a two-out double and was replaced after throwing 95 pitches.

Milwaukee starter Matt Garza (6-13) pitched two perfect innings to start the game but ran into trouble the rest of the way, lasting only five innings. He allowed five runs on eight hits while striking out two. He set a career record for losses in a season — he was 8-12 with Tampa Bay in 2009.

Dee Gordon had two hits, two RBIs, scored a run and stole a base for Miami, which has won five of seven games.

Ryan Braun had two singles and a walk for Milwaukee, which had its three-game winning streak snapped.

RAYS 9, ASTROS 2

HOUSTON (AP) — Tim Beckham hit a three-run homer in the first inning and the Rays cruised to a victory over the Astros.

The Rays were up 1-0 when Beckham connected on his first home run since May 22 to give them a big early lead.

Asdrubal Cabrera added

three RBIs for the Rays, who got back on track after being swept by the Rangers in a three-game series this weekend.

Erasmo Ramirez (10-4) yielded six hits and two runs in 5 2-3 innings for his second straight win.

Houston starter Scott Kazmir (6-8) tied season highs by allowing nine hits and six runs in 5 1-3 innings, falling to 0-3 this month after going 2-0 with a 0.26 ERA in July. He's won just one of his five starts since a trade from Oakland.

PADRES 5, BRAVES 3

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Rookie Colin Rea won his second straight start and Will Venable hit a two-run single to help the Padres beat the Braves.

Rea became the seventh starter in Padres history to begin his big league career 2-0. Odrisamer Despaigne did it last season.

Rea allowed two runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings while striking out four and walking one. His only big mistake was allowing a home run to former Padres outfielder Cameron Maybin leading off the fourth, his 10th.

Craig Kimbrel, obtained from the Braves the day before the season started, pitched a shaky ninth for his 34th save. He allowed one run on two hits and a walk.

Rea got all the backing he needed when the Padres scored three runs on four hits off William Perez (4-4) in the second inning. □

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Clevenger hits 3-run homer to lead Orioles past A's 4-2

ORIOLES 4, ATHLETICS 2

Baltimore Orioles' Steve Clevenger, right, watches his three-run home run in front of Oakland Athletics catcher Stephen Vogt in the fourth inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 17, 2015, in Baltimore.

Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Steve Clevenger hit a three-run homer, Chris Tillman won his seventh straight decision and the Orioles completed a four-game sweep of the Athletics.

Clevenger, who was called up Friday from Triple-A Norfolk, got his first homer since June 29, 2012. He also had a career-high four hits in Baltimore's 18-2 victory Sunday.

Tillman (9-7) allowed two runs on three hits with three walks and three strikeouts over seven innings. He has not lost since May 31.

Oakland went winless on its seven-game East Coast road trip.

Darren O'Day had a perfect eighth and Zach Britton pitched the ninth for his 29th save.

Oakland left-hander Sonny Gray (12-5), who was scratched from his previous start with back spasms, allowed four runs (one earned) on seven hits with two walks and five strikeouts over 5 2/3 innings.

INDIANS 8, RED SOX 2

BOSTON (AP) — Danny Salazar pitched seven strong innings to cool off Boston's hot bats, and Lonnie Chisenhall had a solo homer and three RBIs to carry the Indians past the Red Sox.

Carlos Santana also hit a

solo shot, and Chisenhall's two-run double highlighted a five-run fourth that lifted Cleveland to its sixth win in nine games.

Salazar (11-6) allowed one run on four hits, striking out five and walking one. He's given up two-or-fewer runs in six of his last seven starts. Travis Shaw drove in both Boston runs with a solo homer and an RBI single for the Red Sox, who scored 45 runs on 60 hits in their previous three games against Seattle.

The Indians broke a scoreless tie with their five-run inning against Matt Barnes (3-3).

RANGERS 4, MARINERS 3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Fernando Rodney walked Adrian Beltre with one out in the ninth inning to force in winning run and give Texas a win over the Mariners.

The Rangers have won eight consecutive home games and are three games over .500 for the first time since June 23.

Shawn Tolleson (5-2) worked a scoreless ninth inning for Texas. Rodney (5-5) only retired one of the batters he faced. He gave up two bunt hits and hit a batter before the walk.

Cole Hamels came away with his second no-decision to go with one loss in his three Texas starts since



for the defending AL West champion Angels, who returned home from Sunday night's 10-inning loss at Kansas City out of a playoff spot for the first time since July 2. They still trail Houston by 3 1/2 games in the division race, and Toronto by a half-game for the second wild card spot.

Cron drove an 0-1 pitch into the right field seats for his ninth homer with one

out against rookie Carlos Rodon (5-5), who allowed just four hits over eight innings and struck out five in the longest of his 17 big league starts.

Fernando Salas (3-1) pitched one inning for the victory. Joe Smith got three outs in the eighth and Huston Street set down the White Sox 1-2-3 in the ninth for his 28th save in 32 attempts. □

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Feed Your Bones

By, Dr. Carlos Viana

Matter comes in three states: solid, liquid and gas. Stop and think about glass and bones. Are they solid, liquid or gas? Which did you pick? If you choose solid for both, you are technically incorrect. We hear the objections screaming in your brains. Hold on; expand your reality of what you perceive.

Glass is technically a liquid much like water. So why does glass not behave like water? The answer is in the temperature. At ten below zero water flows nowhere; at a thousand degrees glass flows easily. Believe it or not, even at ambient temperatures, glass, pulled by the forces of gravity, flows ever so slowly down. There are old castles whose glass panes have flowed down so the bottom of the pane is much thicker than the paper thin top. Glass, you see, is a liquid that is solid or "frozen" at ambient temperatures.

What about breaking glass? Glass at ambient temperature, if forced too much will shatter into sharp pieces. Automobile "safety" glass is two panes of glass melted together with an inner core of plastic to make it more flexible, or shatter-proof. Automobile glass takes more force before breaking into dull pieces.

Bones are more fluid than solid. Ask any orthodontist who uses braces to rearrange and straighten teeth. With time and constant pressure, teeth imbedded in solid bone jaws will slowly flow into a new space. Most of our calcium is found in bones and teeth. People require calcium daily. When there is a deficiency of calcium in the body, these nutrients are "borrowed" from our bones and teeth.

Our skeleton, which serves as our structural support, is actually constantly changing, maximizing strength and minimizing its mass to meet our physiological needs. Osteoporosis is a condition characterized by a loss of calcium and other minerals from the bones, making them more porous and brittle. Porous and brittle bones are more susceptible to break and fracture. People, aware that osteoporosis has become a big problem in developing countries, supplement with calcium and vitamin D for prevention. Most physicians assume that the way to treat osteoporosis is to prescribe calcium. Years ago I predicted this assumption would come back to haunt the medical profession. The negative consequences of calcium supplementation are finally being realized and medical researchers now know that their assumptions have made bone problems worse.

Calcium supplements can raise heart risks in post-menopausal women. In the United States a prescription medication that has calcium and vitamin D that has been used by nearly 10 million people to help prevent or treat bone loss or osteoporosis, has been linked to 2,400 incidents of jaw bone decay or Osteonecrosis of the jaw. Additional people taking these drugs have claimed to have such debilitating pain that they have become bedridden or in need of walkers, crutches or wheelchairs.

Understanding this oversimplification of bone density and calcium, I have developed a treatment approach in our clinic, using my biocompatible medical protocol. The first thing is to

slow down the loss of calcium. Medicines that stimulate the thyroid and adrenal glands, as well as prolonged use of cortisone greatly affect calcium status. Steroids and artificial hormones, besides increasing your risk for some cancers, do not treat your bones well. Additionally, there are drugs that interfere with calcium absorption. Drugs used to decrease seizures and many stomach medicines prevent calcium absorption.

Operations to stomach or intestines; removal of gallbladders; kidney disease; diabetes; and alcoholism all contribute to poor calcium absorption. Perhaps the biggest enemy to bone loss is cigarette smoking. These problems need to be corrected to stop mineral loss from your bones.

The second part of our protocol is to encourage the bones to become more flexible. Why do baby bones not break? They are not strong but they are flexible. Remember brittle glass shatters? Similarly, brittle bones shatter. Too much calcium in the bones makes them hard and brittle. The current test for osteoporosis, a bone-scan gives us your bone density. Bone density does not show flexibility. Thick, dense, but brittle bones will shatter and break easily.

We begin by replacing not just calcium, but all the minerals needed by your bones. There are two ways to accomplish this. The first is to feed your body the minerals. Magnesium helps maintain normal muscle and nerve function, keeps heart rhythm steady, supports a healthy immune system, and keeps bones strong. Nutritionists know that, magnesium regulates calcium



transportation in the body. New studies show that magnesium therapy appears to prevent fractures and results in a significant increase in bone density in menopausal women.

One of our ways to feed your bones is BONE SOUP: Use beef, chicken, turkey or fish, all animal bones are full of collagen important for strong healthy bones. Fill a large pot half way with any kind of bones, include a little meat.

(Do NOT use Pork. Pork is NOT on any healthy diet!) Fill the other half with vegetables, especially a lot of parsley. Do NOT use potatoes, tomatoes or eggplant. Add 2 teaspoons of vinegar or half a cup of wine. Fill with water and boil vigorously for 3 hours. Keep only the broth. Add a package of un-flavored gelatin. Drink at least a cup a day alone or use a stock to cook with or add fresh vegetables to make soup.

Avoid acid forming foods; these cause your body to pull calcium out of your bones. Sugars, simple carbohydrates and processed foods are acid forming. Exercise in moderation is good for you. Excessive exercise can remove calcium from your bones. For joggers, running shoes are recommended to protect you from shin splints and knee problems. However, bones need to be stressed to be strong. Wearing shoes that absorb ALL stress is not good. Impact stimulates the flow of minerals for your bones.

Another thing you can do

to force your bones to become stronger is grow muscles. Muscles control bone production better than calcium supplementation. When muscles become bigger and stronger through exercise, the attached bone grows to support the musculature.

Get the point! Your bones are alive. Drinking milk for your bone health is a myth that has no medical basis. Your skeleton is your body's support; our clinic is your health support. Do you want to protect your bones from osteoporosis? Come in so we can teach you how to take care and feed your bones naturally.q

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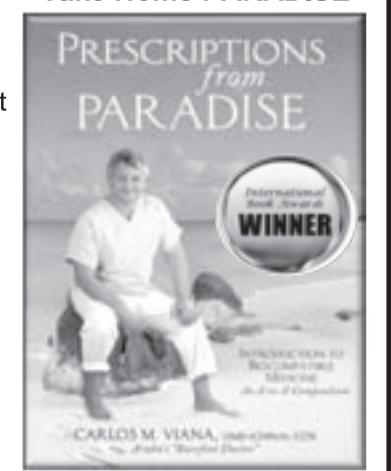
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PALO ALTO, California

(AP) — The office has all the trappings of a high-tech startup. There's a giant beanbag in the foyer and erasable, white board walls for brainstorming. Someone's pet dog lounges happily on the sunny balcony.

Welcome to the Palo Alto home of the Ford Motor Co., six miles from the headquarters of Google. Meanwhile, in a squat, industrial building in suburban Detroit, a short drive from Ford's headquarters, workers are busy building a small fleet of driverless cars. The company behind them? Google.

The convergence of cars and computers is blurring the traditional geographical boundaries of both industries.

Silicon Valley is dotted with research labs opened by automakers and suppliers, who are racing to develop high-tech infotainment systems and autonomous cars. Tech companies — looking to grow and sensing an industry that's ripe for disruption — are heading to Detroit to better understand the auto industry and get their software embedded into cars.

The result is both heated competition and unprecedented cooperation between two industries that rarely spoke to each other five years ago.

"It's a cross-pollination. We're educating both sides," says Niall Berkerey, who runs the Detroit office of Telenav, a Sunnyvale, California-based firm that makes navigation software.

There's also plenty of employee poaching. Apple recently hired Fiat Chrysler's former quality chief.



In this photo taken Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015, technical director Dragos Maciuca poses while sitting in a driving simulator in the immersion lab of the Ford Motor Company Research and Innovation Center in Palo Alto, Calif.

Associated Press

Ride-sharing service Uber snagged 40 researchers and scientists from Carnegie Mellon's Pittsburgh robotics lab.

Tesla's head of vehicle development used to work at Apple.

For years the fast-paced tech industry showed little respect for the plodding car industry. Google and Palo Alto-based Tesla, with its high-tech electric sedans, helped change that. "People think it's shiny Silicon Valley versus grungy Detroit, but that's garbage," says Chris Urmson, who leads Google's self-driving car program. "If you look at the complexity of a vehicle, it's an engineering marvel."

Dragos Maciuca, a former Apple engineer who's now the technical director of Ford's Palo Alto research lab, says he's seeing a new excitement about the auto industry in Silicon Valley. For one thing, cars provide a palpable sense of accomplishment for software en-

gineers.

"If you work at Google or Yahoo, it's hard to point out, 'Well, I wrote that piece of code.' It's really hard to be excited about it or show your kids," Maciuca he says. "In the auto industry, you can go, 'See that button? The stuff that's behind it, I worked on that.'"

But cocky tech companies have had to adapt to the tough standards of the auto industry, which requires technology to work perfectly, for years, in all kinds of conditions. Maciuca spends much of his time educating software and app developers about the industry's needs.

"Silicon Valley goes toward this model of a minimum viable product. It's easy to throw things out there and try them and see if they work," Maciuca says. "We can't do that."

Santa Clara, California-based Nvidia was best known for making chips for computer games before it got into the car business.

Now, it makes the computer processors that power Tesla's 17-inch touchscreen dashboard and Audi's experimental self-driving cars, among other products. It had to develop new manufacturing techniques and higher levels of certification for the auto business, such as tests to make sure its computer chips would still work in subzero temperatures, says Danny Shapiro, Nvidia's senior director of automotive.

For their part, the automakers are learning that rolling out cars that remain static for years until the next model comes out is no longer practical.

At the insistence of tech companies such as Telenav and Nvidia, they're learning to make cars with navigation, infotainment and other features that can be constantly updated. Mercedes-Benz, Tesla, Toyota, BMW, and others can now update vehicle software wirelessly to fix problems or add more capability.

Shapiro says the cost-conscious auto industry has had to learn to spend a little more — maybe \$10 to \$20 per car — on computer hardware. Automakers would often go with the cheapest option but then spend even more fixing bugs, or be forced to replace processors that didn't have enough power to add updates.

Nvidia now has eight permanent engineers at various automakers in Michigan.

"We've helped them adopt more of a computer industry mindset, which is not to reinvent what they're doing every five to seven years," Shapiro says. Even with that new spirit of collaboration, automakers and tech companies also use their local labs to do a little spying.

Frankie James, a former NASA researcher who now runs General Motors' Palo Alto office, says spotting trends and potential threats is one of the most important parts of her job. Her team alerted GM to the car-sharing trend, for example, and the automaker invested \$3 million in Relay Rides in 2011.

Now, she's watching companies that could potentially disrupt the auto business, such as Google and Apple.

Google has promised a self-driving car within five years, and Apple has hired people from Tesla, Ford and other car companies for its own top-secret project.

"We need to say, 'OK, if we think Apple is going to build something like this because they've got this vision of the future,' if we take that same vision of the future, what can we do? How can we continue to play?" James says. □

NBCUniversal buys into BuzzFeed with \$200M

NEW YORK (AP) — NBCUniversal, following a potentially younger viewing audience wherever it goes, has placed a \$200 million bet on the fast-growing BuzzFeed.

The announcement from the division of cable giant Comcast Corp. on Tuesday comes not even a week after it made an identical investment in Vox Media, which runs the food blog

Eater, SB Nation and Re/code. Traditional broadcasters have scrambled to pick up viewers, especially millennials, as habits are reshaped by new technology that allows people to watch what they want, when they want to watch it. Netflix, the front-runner in on-demand viewing, added 3.3 million worldwide subscribers during its last quarter, ending the period

with 65.6 million customers. About 900,000 of the additional subscribers were signed up in the U.S., where Netflix now has 42.3 million customers.

HBO and Showtime are now offering streaming services for a stand-alone monthly charge, free of a traditional cable package. Cable and satellite services have created stripped down packages seeking

to lure millennials and others who want more control over what they pay for. NBCUniversal said that it wants to begin collaborating on editorial content with its new partners. The deal could allow BuzzFeed to expand its reach. BuzzFeed has more than 200 million monthly unique visitors and has 1.5 billion monthly video views, NBCUniversal said Tuesday. □

Wall Street fizzles as Wal-Mart falls, China slumps

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. stock market shuffled to a slight loss in a lazy day of summer trading Tuesday.

Wal-Mart's shares slid after the retailer cut its profit forecast for the year, while renewed concerns over the strength of China's economy weighed on companies that depend on customers there.

But the broader market looked aimless. The major indexes headed lower at the opening of trading, turned higher just before lunchtime, then slowly lost ground throughout the afternoon.

"We're in the summer doldrums," said Jim Paulsen, chief investment strategist at Wells Capital Management. "Most people are staying cool on the lake somewhere."

Another reason for the markets' recent drift, Paulsen said, is that the news hasn't been all that surprising.

"People know about China's problems, they know about falling commodity prices," he said. "They've digested a lot of the news that's out there already."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 5.52 points, or 0.3 percent, to close at 2,096.92. The benchmark for most mutual funds has lost just 7 points this month. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 33.84 points, or 0.2 percent, to end at 17,511.34, and the Nasdaq composite sank 33.35 points, or 0.6 percent, to 5,059.35.

In other trading, Wal-Mart

fell 3 percent after warning that its annual profit will likely fall short of previous estimates, partly because of a strong dollar. The world's largest retailer also

fell 27 and happened even though Beijing banned major shareholders from selling stocks.

"All the news out of China recently has done noth-

D.R. Horton and other companies in the housing market jumped following news that builders started work on single-family homes at the fastest pace since 2007.



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015. U.S. stocks are lower in early trading after China's main index had its biggest fall since late July.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

reported a drop in quarterly earnings as it spent more on wages and overhauling U.S. stores. Shares slid \$2.43 to \$69.48.

Other retailers fared better. TJX, the company behind T.J. Maxx, reported rising earnings and sales and raised its estimate for annual profit. The news shot its stock up \$5.17, or 7 percent, to \$76.78, the biggest gain in the S&P 500.

Overseas, China's main Shanghai stock index took another plunge, losing 6 percent. It was the index's largest one-day drop since an 8 percent dive on July

ing to restore confidence in its financial markets," said David Madden, market analyst at IG, "and the ripple effect can be felt in Europe."

Major European markets closed with slight losses. France's CAC-40 slipped 0.3 percent, and Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.4 percent. Germany's DAX lost 0.2 percent. Worries over China, a key customer for German-made machinery, chemicals and other goods, have helped knock the DAX down 3.5 percent so far this month.

Back in the U.S., Lennar,

Government bond prices dipped, nudging the yield on the 10-year Treasury note up to 2.19 percent.

Precious and industrial metals settled broadly lower. Gold slipped \$1.50 to \$1,117.10 an ounce, while silver sank 51 cents to \$14.79 an ounce. Copper lost 4 cents to \$2.30 a pound.

The price of oil inched above its recent six-year low, though analysts expect the supply glut that has pushed prices lower to persist. U.S. crude rose 75 cents to close at \$42.62 in New York. □

STREET BRIEFS

Digicel launches mobile money product in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— A telecommunications company has relaunched a money-transfer system in Haiti that lets people get easier access to cash through their cellphones. Digicel says its rebranded "Mon Cash" service has a place in impoverished Haiti, a country where only about 16 percent of the people have bank accounts. The telecom says the new mobile money product gives customers the ability to make domestic money transfers, pay bills and perform other basic transactions with their cellphones. In a Tuesday statement, Digicel says the relaunched effort has more vendors and a much broader reach than a previous one called "Tcho-Tcho." Opening an account is free and people need only a valid government ID to register. □

Yum Brands taps new CEO of China business division

NEW YORK (AP) — Yum

Brands is naming a new CEO of its China division as it works to reverse a sales skid in a key market. The company said Tuesday Micky Pant, 60, is now the CEO of its China division. He replaces longtime leader Sam Su, who is retiring. Yum Brands also named new CEOs of its KFC and Pizza Hut businesses in China. Yum brands has more than 6,800 locations in China, but the business has been damaged by bad publicity connected to poor food handling by a former supplier a year ago. Su, 63, became president of the China unit in 1997 and has been chairman and CEO for five years. Su is also the vice chairman of Yum Brands Inc. The company says he will remain on the board. □

Target reaches deal to settle breach claims with Visa

BREE FOWLER

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Target has reached a deal to pay up to \$67 million to settle Visa claims related to a massive 2013 data breach that resulted in the theft of millions of debit and credit card numbers.

Both Target Corp. and Visa Inc. confirmed the agreement Tuesday, but wouldn't

put a dollar amount on the deal.

A person familiar with the situation said the agreement is worth up to about \$67 million in pre-tax payments to Visa and the financial institutions that issued the potentially affected cards.

The breach of Target's computer systems compromised 40 million credit and

debit card accounts. The hackers also stole the personal information, including names and addresses, of as many as 70 million people, putting them at risk of identity theft.

Unlike a \$19 million agreement between Target and MasterCard Inc. that fell apart in May, this deal isn't in danger of failing due to a lack of support from affect-

ed banks and credit unions. The Minneapolis retailer said Tuesday that the issuers of a majority of the cards that were compromised in the breach have entered into direct settlements with Target and Visa, giving the two companies the green light to make a larger deal. Charles Zimmerman, a lawyer for a group of banks that are suing Target over

breach-related losses, called the settlement another attempt by the retailer to avoid fully reimbursing card issuers.

His group is asking for class-action status and has a hearing scheduled for Sept. 10.

Target disclosed the breach on Dec. 19, 2013, the peak of the holiday shopping season. □

Home Depot separates itself from retail crowd in 2Q

M. CHAPMAN

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Homes are getting a lot of TLC from their owners of late, which means better sales for businesses like Home Depot. The world's largest home improvement retailer reported second-quarter results on Tuesday that surpassed Wall Street expectations, thanks largely to consumers opening their wallets. But Home Depot knows it's a change in mindset that is spurring homeowners to action.

"When consumers believe their home is an investment and not an expense, they spend differently," Chief Financial Officer Carol Tome said during a conference call.

Americans definitely have reasons to start feeling better about their homes: home values are improving, mortgage rates remain low and the job market is healthy.

These factors are contributing to Home Depot's customers walking through its doors more often - and spending more once they're inside.



Vicente Aguiar loads garage door trims into his pickup truck outside a Home Depot in Hialeah, Florida. Homes are getting a lot of TLC from their owners of late, which means better sales for businesses like Home Depot.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

Home Depot said that the average receipt during the second quarter was \$59.42, a 1.7 percent increase, and the number of transactions rose 2.6 percent.

Chairman and CEO Craig Menear said the consumer was the driver of the average receipt performance during the quarter, with it being the highest quar-

terly average receipt since 2006. Sales at stores open at least a year, a key indicator of a retailer's health, increased 4.2 percent in the period. Edward Decker, executive vice president of merchandising, said that some of the departments with the best performances during the quarter included appliances, tools, decor

and lighting. Transactions for receipts over \$900 rose 6.3 percent in the quarter. Decker said that these receipts included items such as water heaters, windows, appliances and riding mowers. The shift in the way Americans are choosing to spend their money is growing. Department stores,

also reporting earnings this month, have largely been routed. Instead, shoppers are increasingly making purchases for the home or buying cars and electronics, rather than shoes, skirts and shirts.

U.S. data shows that rising retail sales are being driven by spending on furniture, cars and things like sporting goods. While Home Depot boosted its annual outlook for a second time this year on Tuesday, Wal-Mart reduced its expectations after missing second-quarter profit projections.

Home Depot's upswing comes amid continued signs from the real estate market that conditions are getting better.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that construction of single-family homes shot up 12.8 percent in July to the highest rate since December 2007. Sales of new and existing homes have climbed in the first half of 2015. Purchases of new homes are 21.2 percent higher through the first six months of this year than the same period in 2014. □

Toshiba Corp. foresees loss after accounting scandal

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese energy and electronics giant Toshiba Corp. says it expects to book a loss in the current fiscal year and is beefing up its management standards after an investigation found extensive problems with its accounting and corporate governance.

The company said Tuesday that it plans to add more

outside directors to help ensure stricter oversight. A probe found underreporting of project costs and losses in many divisions in a scandal that prompted the resignations of former company President Hisao Tanaka and two other top executives.

Toshiba has announced plans to revise its earnings by 152 billion yen (\$1.2 bil-

lion) or more to correct the mistakes.

The company did not give a specific forecast for the fiscal year which ends on March 31, 2016.

The management reshuffle plan calls for Toshiba's chairman and interim president, Masashi Muromachi, to stay on as president.

An outside board member will be named chairman.

The newly organized board is to have 11 members, seven of whom will be outside directors.

The report by the investigation committee into the accounting problems outlined many instances of company officials underreporting costs, delaying reports of losses and other abuses including "channel stuffing," or inflating sales figures by

putting more products into a distribution channel than it can sell.

In many cases it attributed the missteps to worries that upper management would not accept the losses and to lax internal controls.

No charges have been filed related to the problems, which date back at least six years. □

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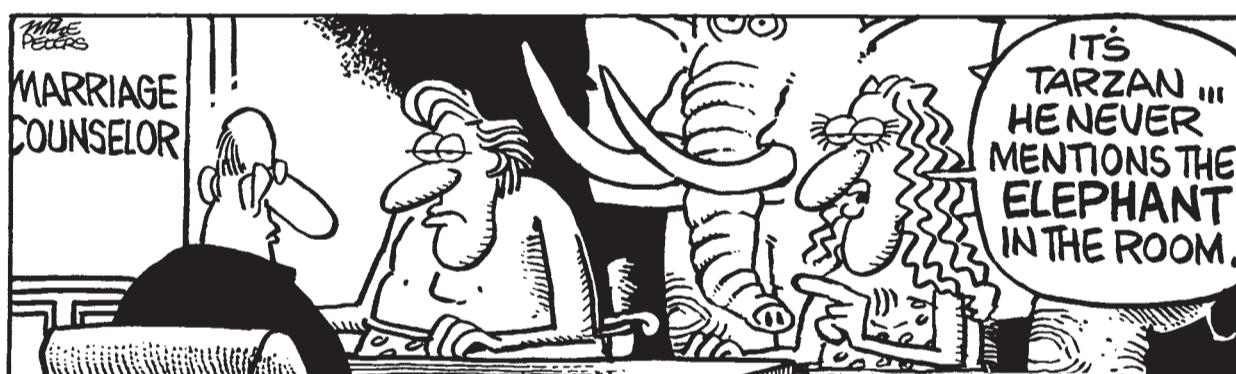
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Mother Goose & Grimm



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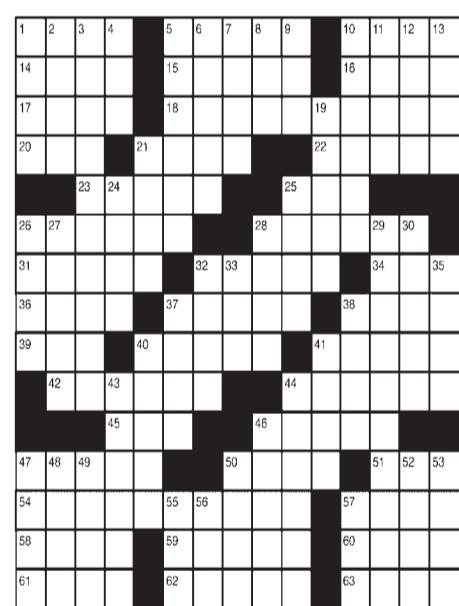
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 61 Hit flies
 62 Deep pit
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 1 Daddy
 2 Military branch, for short



Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Novela

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Instead of rags to riches, we've gone from riches to rags," said Carolina Acosta-Alzuru, who has written several books on Venezuelan soaps and teaches at the University of Georgia, Athens.

Through her research, Acosta-Alzuru was privy to internal memos at RCTV's longtime rival, Venevision, in which network lawyers in 2008 and 2009 questioned screenwriter Leonardo Padron's use of language that they said the government could interpret as having political overtones. They suggested that words such as "martini" and "steroids" be removed, and warned Padron against linking inflation, crimes or other maladies to Venezuela's government.

"Now we're trying to make an internationally competitive product," said Escalona, the industry veteran.

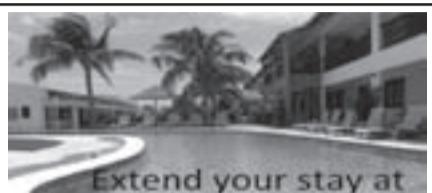
"If we had to do a national version we'd have to cleanse it of several elements, simple things like holding a glass of liquor in a hand or taking out a gun. Sadly these are things we couldn't do in Venezuela." Just last year, Maduro summoned cable executives after accusing them of glamorizing violence and spreading "anti-values" that he blamed in part for the highway murder of a well-known soap actress. □

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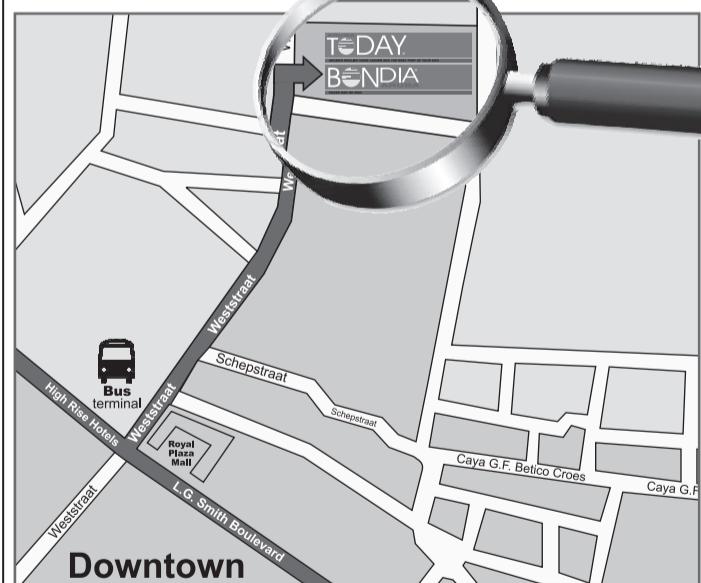
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Lobster population is shifting north; ocean warming blamed

PATRICK WHITTLE

Associated Press

PORLAND, Maine (AP) --

The lobster population has crashed to the lowest levels on record in southern New England while climbing to heights never before seen in the cold waters off Maine and other northern reaches - a geographic shift that scientists attribute in large part to the warming of the ocean.

The trend is driving lobstermen in Connecticut and Rhode Island out of business, ending a centuries-old way of life.

Restaurant diners, supermarket shoppers and summer vacationers aren't seeing much difference in price or availability, since the overall supply of lobsters is pretty much steady. But because of the importance of lobsters to New England's economy, history and identity, the northward shift stands as a particularly sad example of how climate change may be altering the natural range of many animals and plants.

"It's a shame," said Jason McNamee, chief of marine resource management for Rhode Island's Division of Fish and Wildlife. "It's such a traditional, historical fishery."

In 2013, the number of adult lobsters in New England south of Cape Cod slid to about 10 million, just one-fifth the total in the late 1990s, according to a report issued this month by regulators. The lobster catch in the region sank to about 3.3 million pounds in 2013, from a peak of about 22 million in 1997.

The declines are "largely in response to adverse environmental conditions, including increasing water temperatures over the last



In this May 21, 2012, file photo, Scott Beede returns an undersized lobster while fishing in Mount Desert, Maine.

Associated Press

15 years," along with continued fishing, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission said in a summary of the report.

At a power plant in Long Island Sound, for example, there were more than 75 days with a recorded average water temperature above 68 degrees Fahrenheit in 2012, 2013 and 2014, the report said. Between 1976 and 2010, that happened only twice.

In northern New England, meanwhile, lobsters are booming.

The population in the Gulf of Maine - a body of water that touches Canada, Maine, New Hampshire and the northern shore of Massachusetts - and in the Georges Bank fishing grounds farther out to sea has reached record highs,

more than doubling to about 250 million adult lobsters since the mid-1990s, the report said.

Maine fishermen have landed more than 100 million pounds of lobster for four years in a row, by far the highest four-year haul in the state's history.

"It very much looks like what you would expect from a species that is responding to a warming ocean: It's going to move toward the poles," said Andy Pershing, chief scientific officer for the Gulf of Maine Research Institute of Portland, Maine.

Seaside lobster bakes will probably continue to be the cornerstone of the summer for thousands of southern New England vacationers every year. But more and more of those lobsters will come from the north

rather than local waters.

Robert Bradfield, a former Newport, Rhode Island, lobsterman, is among those who have gotten out of the business because of the declining catch.

Bradfield fondly recalls summer hauls in the 1990s when his traps would be bursting with up to 2,000 pounds of lobsters per day - catches he said had plummeted to maybe 100 pounds when he quit a decade ago. He now works on a pilot boat, transporting ship pilots to inbound and outbound vessels.

"It tore me apart to do something else," said Bradfield, 60, who caught lobsters for 30 years. "Financially, it didn't make sense for me anymore."

Rhode Island issued 874 commercial lobster licens-

es in 2013, down from nearly 1,600 in 1998, and the number of lobster traps set by Rhode Island fishermen in southern New England waters has dropped by more than half since 2007 - signs that lobstermen are quitting.

Connecticut, where the industry has cratered, was down to 18,435 traps in the area in 2013, compared with more than 160,000 in the late 1990s.

"The wheelhouse of the lobster fishery has shifted north," said Dan McKiernan, deputy director of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and chairman of the Atlantic States commission's lobster management board.

How the commission will respond remains to be seen. It is still studying the issue. □

Johnny Depp, Gene Simmons rock together for kids' charity



In this Sunday, Aug. 16, 2015, photo, provided by Tamea Agle, Johnny Depp, left, and Gene Simmons perform at Lucky Strike bowling alley in Los Angeles during a charity concert benefiting Mending Kids, a charity that provides free corrective surgeries to children around the world.

SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Johnny Depp didn't say a word

as he stepped onto a small stage inside the Lucky Strike bowling alley. He just strapped on a guitar and started playing with the band.

One song later, Gene Simmons joined in.

Associated Press

The superstar pairing capped off a fundraising concert Sunday for MendingKids.org, an organization that provides hundreds of free corrective surgeries each year for children around the world.

Besides Depp and Simmons, the event also featured a surprise reunion of rock group Extreme for a performance of their 1991 classic "More Than Words." After appearances by various musicians, Depp quietly joined the house band to play Alice Cooper's "School's Out."

(The 52-year-old actor announced last week that he is forming a band with Cooper and guitarist Joe Perry called Hollywood Vampires that will release a self-titled album next month and donate proceeds to charity.) His hair slicked back, Depp wore jeans and an oxford shirt topped with a gray vest. He played a white electric guitar. In a state-

ment provided by his publicist, Depp said he was "thrilled to be a part of an event that benefits children around the globe."

"Mending Kids is not only changing the lives of these kids, but making a difference in developing countries that are in need of medical care," he said.

Simmons was the last to take the stage.

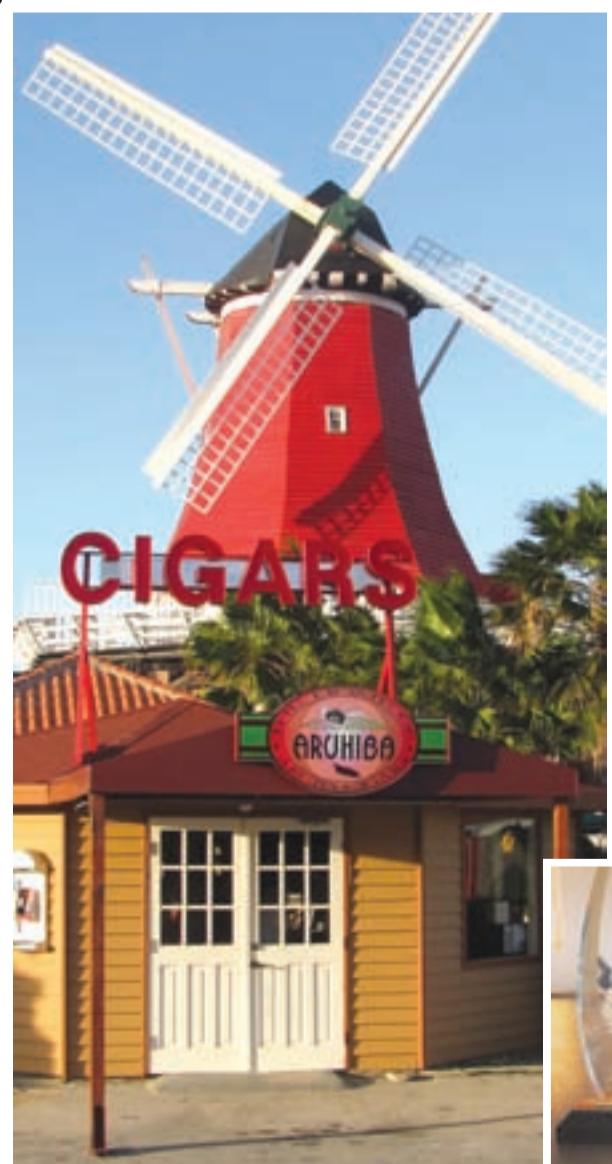
A supporter of MendingKids.org for several years, the 65-year-old entertainer invited anyone with \$1,000 to donate to the organization to come up and sing with the band. About 10 donors took him up on the offer, including his son and daughter, and they shared the stage with Depp.

Simmons and the rest of the band during the closing number, the Kiss hit "Rock and Roll All Nite."

After the show, Depp waved to fans and disappeared out a side door. □

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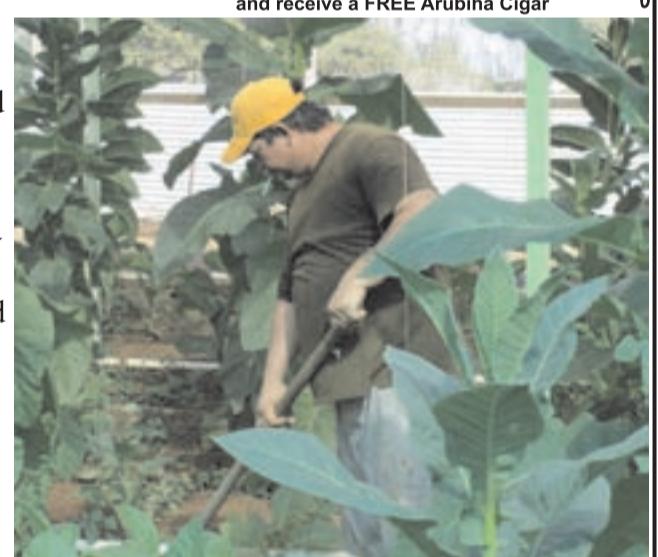
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Rosie O'Donnell's missing daughter found



In this April 20, 2010 file photo, Rosie O'Donnell, left, poses with her daughter Chelsea at the opening night performance of the Broadway musical "American Idiot" in New York.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Hours after it was publicly revealed that Rosie O'Donnell's 17-year-old daughter had been missing for a week, she was found by police safe in a New Jersey home on Tuesday. Chelsea O'Donnell had left the family's home a week earlier with a therapy dog, and her mother's concern was intensified because she had not been taking needed medication. Chelsea suffers from mental illness, according to her mother's spokeswoman, Cindi Berger.

Rosie O'Donnell lives in

South Nyack, New York, about 25 miles north of New York City, and police there had been involved in searching for her daughter since Sunday. They informed authorities in Barneget, New Jersey, on Tuesday that they believed Chelsea was there, said Lt. Keith Germain, spokesman for Barneget police. Police went to the residence and although the person answering the door initially did not want to reveal Chelsea's presence, police said they would not be leaving until she came out. She then appeared and left with police without incident, Germain said.

It was not immediately clear what relationship O'Donnell had with the people who lived in the house. Rosie O'Donnell has a vacation home in the New Jersey shore area.

Although Chelsea left her suburban New York home on Aug. 11, it wasn't until Tuesday that her mother publicly revealed she was missing through a statement and tweets. "Chelsea, like millions of people, lives with mental illness. It has been a difficult road for Chelsea and her family and they just want her back safe," Berger said before Chelsea was found.

It has been a rough stretch for the 53-year-old comedian, who received unwanted public attention two weeks ago when Donald Trump mentioned her name when asked in a Republican presidential debate about harsh comments he had made about women. O'Donnell had a major heart attack in 2012, and discussed her near-death experience in an HBO special earlier this year. She rejoined the daytime talk show "The View" last year, but left again before six months were up, saying the routine was proving too stressful for her heart condition. □



In this Nov. 23, 2014 file photo, Jennifer Lopez, left, is embraced by Pitbull at the end of her performance at the 42nd annual American Music Awards in Los Angeles.

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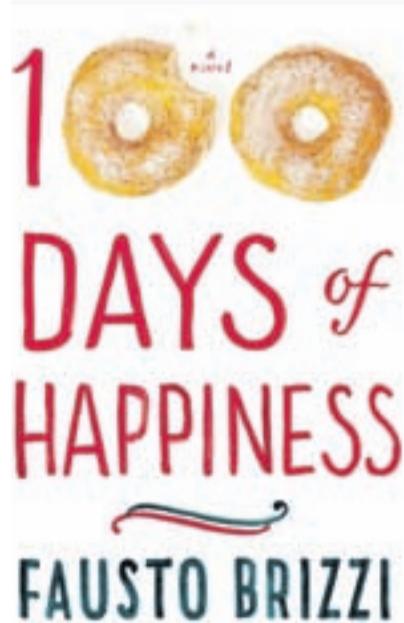
Jennifer Lopez and Pitbull to lead iHeartRadio concert

NEW YORK (AP) — Jennifer Lopez and Pitbull will headline the iHeartRadio Fiesta Latina concert in Miami this November, which will be streamed live online.

Other performers joining Lopez and Pitbull at the AmericanAirlines Arena in Miami include Don Omar, Wisin, Prince Royce, Marco Antonio Solis, Camila, Becky G., Fonseca and Voz de Mando.

The Nov. 7 event will be streamed live on Yahoo Live. iHeartMedia Spanish-language stations will also broadcast the event and Telemundo will have a special re-broadcast on Nov. 15. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Saturday.

The concert will come a few months after the iHeartRadio Music Festival in Las Vegas in September that will feature Kanye West, Sam Smith, Janet Jackson, the Who, Lil Wayne, Coldplay, the Weeknd and Blake Shelton. □



This photo provided by Pamela Dorman Books/Viking shows the cover of the book, "100 Days of Happiness," by Fausto Brizzi.

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Brizzi examines life and love in '100 Days of Happiness'

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Italian director, screenwriter and film producer Fausto Brizzi adds "author" to his list of credits with "100 Days of Happiness." In this novel, Brizzi encourages readers to analyze their lives, tackling tough questions about the realities of life, love and reconciliation.

What would you do if you only had three months to live? Lucio Battistini asks himself this question when he learns he has inoperable cancer. This devastating news sends Lucio into a tailspin of emotions. He's determined to combat depression

with a to-do list. Instead of spending his final days in a cloud of sadness, Lucio focuses on living life to the fullest.

His first order of business is to reconnect with his children. Their interests become his interests. Suddenly, he is overwhelmed with the desire to teach his young son and daughter important skills and life lessons. Their joy in laughing and learning with him is balm to his heart.

The support and dedication of his father-in-law and two best friends become an integral part of his 100-day challenge. (Lucio was unfaithful to his wife and now lives in the

back of his father-in-law's pastry shop.) The men provide wise counsel, adventure and warm sugary doughnuts with each tick of the clock. More than anything, they help Lucio figure out how to get his wife to forgive him.

"100 Days of Happiness" chronicles how one man looks back on his life and attempts to right many wrongs before the sands of time run out. Brizzi's narrative challenges us to consider putting ourselves in the same scenario.

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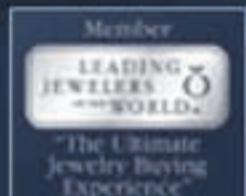
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